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TONE Soviet Troops in Stendal

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EVALUATION [REDACTED]

PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

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DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

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REFERENCES [REDACTED]

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ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

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SOURCE [REDACTED]

1. An increase in the total number of troops at the Stendal (M 53/Y 85) military post was noticeable during the first days of June 1951.

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2. On 10 June, the Tauentzien Kaserne on Osterburger Strasse was occupied by 500 to 600 troops who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. Five trucks, [REDACTED] carrying about 100 soldiers with black-bordered crimson epaulets, entered the installation from the direction of Gardelegen on 1 June. About 400 troops assembled in the barracks yard and small groups of other soldiers were seen in other parts of the billeting area on 3 June. Sixty men wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets marched to the drill field on 5 June, and had three disassembled heavy machine guns with them. On several days during the time of observation, 1 officer and 2 men wearing red brassards stood near the sentry at the main gate, checking all incoming and outgoing troops and vehicles. Motor vehicles identified in barracks [REDACTED]

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3. On 10 June, the Hindenburg Kaserne on the Stendal-Wittenberge road quartered about 1,500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. The windows of almost all quarters were lighted at dusk. However, it was determined that the quarters were occupied only half as much as they had been before the departure of the troops. Source noticed that about 20 percent of the EM wore artillery insignia and only very few of the troops tank insignia. On 1 June, seven trucks, [REDACTED] carrying a total of about 150 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets, arrived at the installation from the direction of Gardelegen. On 4 June, 12 trucks moved [REDACTED]

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into the billeting area, carrying a total of about 180 men who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets and had full packs

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with black-bordered crimson epaulets from the installation to the Arnim training area for firing practice with live ammunition on 8 June. During the time of observation, no units of more than 40 men were seen in the vicinity of the barracks installation. Two telephone sections practiced line construction

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4. Between 1 and 10 June, a turnover of personnel, affecting 250 troops, took place in the Albrecht der Baer Kaserne. While groups of up to 30 soldiers arrived at the Stendal railroad station from the direction of Magdeburg, troops from the Albrecht der Baer Kaserne left by rail toward Magdeburg. ** there were more troops wearing artillery insignia in the Albrecht der Baer Kaserne than had been previously observed. Training was conducted exclusively in that part of the billeting area which is blocked to view from outside.

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** Comment. The turnover of personnel was probably the replacement of discharges by recruits.

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